कम्प्यूटर सुविधा रहित रेलवे आरक्षण केन्द्र

2352. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में कितने आरक्षण केन्द्रों को अभी तक कम्प्यूटर की सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं करायी गयी है; और

(ख) इन आरक्षण केन्द्रों को कब तक कम्प्यूटरीकृत कर दिये जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) कंप्यूटरीकृत यात्री आरक्षण सुविधाएं अभी 1600 स्टेशनों पर मौजूद कुल आरक्षण कार्यभार के केवल लगभग 8% में मुहैया की जानी है, जिनमें अधिकतर में सीमित अथवा नाममात्र का कार्यभार है।

(ख) कंप्यूटरीकृत यात्री आरक्षण सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है। स्टेशनों पर इन सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था मानदंडों तथा धन की उपलब्धता के अनुसार की जाती है।

Fall in Shrimp Landing at Visakhapatnam

2353. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is less shrimp landing at Visakhapatnam during this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the shrimp landings in Visakhapatnam; and

(d) the details of steps proposed to improve fishing industries in Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The shrimp landings at Visakhapatnam have increased during 1996 as compared to the previous year as per details below:—

1995	(January to December)	1732 tonnes
1996	(January to October)	3766 tonnes

(d) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation assists the traditional fishermen to motorise their crafts with Out-Board Motors (OBMs)/In-Board Motors (TBMs) to increase the catch under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The Department of Ocean Development assists the fishermen by providing regular forecasts of potential fishery zones. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) Under the Ministry of Commerce also provides assistance to mechanised fishing vessels by way of subsidies for installation of electronic equipments, promotion of processing of low value fishes and subsidy on diesel used by fishing vessels of 20 metre over all length and larger size whose catch is exported.

Railway accidents in West Bengal

2354. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents that took place in West Bengal during the last five years;

(b) how many of these occurred at level crossings; and

(c) the number of manned and unmanned level crossings in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Statistics of train accidents and related information are maintained railway zonewise and not State-wise.

(c) The number of manned and unmanned level crossings in West Bengal is 1,073 and 1,606 respectively.

Conference of the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions

2355. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of the Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions on research priorities in the region has been organised at New Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether some useful suggestions were made in the Conference;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures to implement these suggestions in the interest of agricultural growth of the country; and